GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2629
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2000
SUBSIDENCE AT SANCTORIA
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a large scale subsidence at Sanctoria under the Eastern Coalfields Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have prepared any plan of action to tackle the problems of subsidence in the Raniganj Coalfield area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. A portion of Sanctoria Village overlying old abandoned working of Sanctoria −Dishergarh collieries subsided on 2nd July, 2000. These workings were made in Sanctoria and Dishergarh seams about 70-80 years ago, when there were no mining rules and regulations. Coal Mine Regulations came into force from the year 1957 . As such stability of the stooks left by erstwhile mine owners i.e. M/s Equitable Coal Company and M/s Bengal Coal Company is highly doubtful.

(c) & (d) : Yes Sir. A Master Plan to control subsidence and fire in Eastern Coalfields Limited has been formulated where 146 locations have been identified as unstable. Out of these, 59 locations have been proposed to be stabilised. 80 locations have been proposed to be rehabilitated and at 7 locations, diversion of rail, road have been proposed.